

Letter of recommendation for Jason W. Siesser.

My name is Sandra van der Heijden (45 years old) and I live in the city of Eindhoven, the Netherlands. I am married to William van der Put, together we have a 9 year old son. I work part-time as a Dutch language coach for Expats and International students.

I met Jason at a birthday party of a mutual friend and from the start we had a good connection. I appreciate Jason's sharp mind, his honest and straightforward opinion in conversations. Jason can give a different perspective, an interesting view on things. He can also make a situation fun and I could have good laugh with him, as we did on the many occasions we met.

We and Jason, and other mutual friends, came together many times to play different boardgames, card games, have bbq's or dinner parties together. For many years we came together to celebrate Christmas, New Year, Halloween, Surprise (a Dutch gift event), birthdays and the weddings of each other. We went for walks with the dogs, played in a park with my son or have activities with our mutual friends. Jason always came up with new initiatives for the activities with our mutual friends. He is a social person, but also appreciates spending time with just one friend. Jason is a helpful person, when we needed a friend to lend a helping hand, he was there for us.

When I had a child, he was very wholehearted to us and welcomed a young family in his house. My son would sleep in their bedroom and we could eat together. When my son got a bit older, Jason played with him a lot and treated him like he was his nephew. He was very caring and considerate of him. My son really liked Jason and still did when he saw him again after several years when he came to visit us in June 2018. I trust him fully when caring for our son and really appreciate the warm and loving way he interacted with him.

I wish I could vouch for him in person, because he deserves my support.

With regards,  
Sandra van der Heijden

My name is Rebecca Peters, and I am the owner of a wellness business here in Columbia, Missouri called Bellelune Massage and Yoga. I have been living here in Columbia for 17 years, and formerly worked for the University of Missouri for nine years as an administrative assistant.

I first met Jason Siesser in August of 2016, as we dated briefly for that month. After that, we became platonic friends, and I was also his roommate for thirteen months from February 2017 - March 2018. Jason is a helpful friend who offered to let me rent his extra room in his condo so that I could save some money. He also cared for my cats while I was out of town several times, including an entire month in the summer of 2018, after I had already moved into my new apartment.

Jason loves to cook and socialize with friends, and has a network of friends in Europe from his time living there. He has a fascination with people and how ideas and culture influence and shape their beliefs and behavior. He often spoke about how he would encourage his students at Higbee High School to think critically about what beliefs they held but didn't question. He seemed to put a lot of time into preparing his history lessons while teaching there, often gathering textbook and video resources.

My overall impression of Jason is that he is a loyal friend who does what he can to help others, even when potentially inconvenient for him. It's my sense that he has high expectations for himself, academically, and in life, generally. Some of my favorite memories of Jason were going on evening walks around the neighborhood talking about life and the people we'd met and interacted with.

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Please let me know if you need anything else.

Thanks,

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My name is William van der Put (49 years old) and I live in the city of Eindhoven, the Netherlands. I work in the High tech industry as an Equipment engineer.

I got to know Jason in 2006 via a mutual friend.

He just arrived here from Germany.

We immediately had a good connection, because he really enjoyed playing board games and so did I. Also his love for reading and talking about books caught my attention, as I like to read all kinds of books too. In the years after this first meeting, we had many evenings where we played all type of board games with a group of friends, centring around Jason and his wife. He always put in the extra effort to make us feel at home in their house.

In between playing games we had many talks about numerous (world) topics and I really appreciated his opinions and views. Being American, he could throw in a refreshing perspective that made the conversations interesting and worthwhile.

Later when I got a son, he became the "funny uncle" my son didn't have and Jason was very aware of this and also there invested time and effort to make my son feel good (and in the process taking a load off the parent's shoulder. Despite the language barrier, my son and Jason became mates.

I can say from my years of friendship with Jason that he is a warm and gentle person.

He's the first to show up if I needed help or just a friendly talk.

I wish I could vouch for him in person, because he deserves my support.

With regards,

William van der Put

August 29, 2018

To Whom it may Concern:

RE: Jason William Siesser

My name is Carla Calhoun and I am a first cousin to Jason William Siesser. I have had the pleasure of being in his life since he was born. I remember being a 10 year old little girl and how thrilled our family was when he was born. His parents had tried to conceive for almost 10 years so you can only imagine how excited we all were!

I lived with Jason when he was a small boy as his parents took my sister and I in when our home life became unbearable. I was able to be around Jason daily throughout this period of my life. He was the typical little boy that played flag football, loved puppies, and was onery to his little sister.

Jason and I have always had a close relationship which has been a blessing in my life. Jason is a passionate person, expressing his love and affection for those he loves by his big hugs, and a kiss on the cheek every time he sees you. I remember his all-time favorite thing to do as he sit with you is to twirl your hair with his fingers. Sensitive and caring with a large heart is how I would describe our boy, Jason. As you can see from some of the pictures I provided, he always had either a puppy or a kid in his arms.

Jason frequently spent time at my house when he was going to the community college. We spent many afternoons together playing with my daughter, Hannah his little cousin. He has always been so good with children and I am glad they were able to foster a tight bond. I recall him having the same job at a pizza joint for most of high school and part of his college career. He is a loyal employee as well as a loyal friend and family member. After Jason graduated from college, he decided to join the military and served four years. Jason had the opportunity to see many places overseas and it never failed that when he came home, he always came bearing gifts for everyone. I have many sweet gifts from various countries. Thoughtfulness sums up the nature of his heart. Even on his most recent trip, I received a postcard from him. He is always thinking of others and how he can brighten their day.

Jason is very intelligent and resourceful. He is financially savvy for sure as I do not believe he has ever bought a car on credit. Jason is a great story-teller and I am attaching a letter that he penned when our granny died. He has a vivid imagination and has always enjoyed writing and storytelling since he was a child.

Jason has always been straight-laced, obedient to his parents and the law. He has never gotten into trouble with his parents and certainly never been in trouble with the law. My prayer is that describing to you a little about the Jason I know and love will give you an idea of the kind of person he really is.

I am dedicated to support Jason and will do whatever it takes to help him.

Sincerely yours,

Carla Calhoun

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8/30/2018

I am writing this letter in response to the character of Jason Siesser.

**Background:**

I am the Plant Manager for an Emerson plant located in Lebanon Missouri. We employ 900 people and I am the manager of this plant with oversight for another 550 employees in Ava Missouri with Emerson. I have lived in the Lebanon community for approximately 10 years and have served on several civic organization boards in the area.

**Connection to Jason Siesser:**

Jason Siesser is a cousin of my wife, Carla Calhoun. She and I have been married for 30 years. Therefore I have known Jason for most of his life as my wife Carla is very close to Jason and his parents, Darrell and Nancy Siesser. Jason has stayed in our home many times over the years and also developed strong relationships with our two daughters, 18 and 22 years old.

**Character of Jason as seen through my eyes:**

Jason has always been very close to our family and has always made time to come visit us and stay with us. He loved to play board games with my daughters and I could always hear them laughing and sharing great times together. My kids (adults now) love Jason very much! Jason attended many of my kids' sporting events over the years. Jason is a special relative in our family and we have developed a solid family bond. Jason served his country in the military, went to college, and explored other countries overseas. Jason is a responsible adult as evidenced by his financial achievements as well with purchasing a home several years ago. I have never known Jason to be anything other than a very special cousin and a very special person. Everyone in my immediate family would agree with this. We love him!

Sincerely,

*Electronically sent via email*

Keith Calhoun

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To whom it may concern,

My name is Stacey Dennis and I am Jason Siesser's little sister. Since Jason came back from the Netherlands he's played a big role in my family's life as the uncle to my two children, Connor Age 9 and Noah age 7. Jason has spent quite a bit of time with my family. He visits my home often just to play with his nephews. Their faces light up when Jason comes in because they know it's time to play wrestle with their uncle. He occasionally will spend the night every now and then just because he wants to be around family. My children are very different as my oldest enjoys reading and video games and my youngest enjoys anything outdoors. Jason is amazing to adapting to their interest. Jason takes my oldest son Pokémon hunting and plays video games with him. He takes my youngest son hiking into the park because he knows he enjoys being outdoors. My youngest son has had a hard time in school and Jason has taken time to help him learn to read which was extremely helpful. Jason has always made time and dropped everything to help me out if I needed it. There are times that I have conflicts in my schedule and he'll stop what he's doing to go pick my kids up from school. Jason is a person that loves and does everything he can for his family.

Sincerely,  
Stacey Dennis

1: Jason and I met about 10 years ago, we shared the same interested which was an online game. We have never seen each other before. We played an online game together many times. We talked to each other and came to know that we actually lived verry close to each other and so we met. We started to hang out with each other.

2: I consider Jason as a good friend. We have the same interests as it comes to play computer games or board games. We have fun with each other and we can talk about basicly everthing. We help each other whenever we can.

3: I see Jason as an open and sensible person. He makes easy contact with others and is verry social. He likes to have friends and having a good time with friends and family. He is honost and fair. Always up for a good joke. He is smart and intelligent if he has the right motivation he can do it.

4: He is always in for helping hand, one day I was doing a job. I was installing a huge light ornament in a house. I needed to build a up a scaffolding to reach the ceiling of the house. It was 2 stories high. I needed to hold up the ornament to mount it the ceiling. I came to the conclusion that this wasn't a one man job. To big and to heavy, I called Jason and he came to help me. We had a good day together, fixing it.

5: Thanks to him we met other people as well and those people are our friends now. Jason likes to organise game night with friends.

6 My overall impression of Jason that he is a good hearted person, social, loves his family and friends.

7: My best memory of Jason that we always had good times when we hang out with each other.

Hoang Vu Nguyen



Tami,

My name is Jim Hudson and I am Jason William Siesser's uncle. I am writing on his behalf to share my memories of the Jason I recall, and that certainly isn't the Jason that sits in this current situation.

Jason was always a fun loving young man who loved the outdoors, to play games, and spend time with his younger cousins. He was always engaging with them and trying to teach the games, sports, and many other activities. Seems like he was always destined to be a teacher. He also was great at debating many subjects with his aunts, uncles, and grandparents on just about any subject but especially loved to talk about the KC Chiefs as he was a huge football fan.

Jason always demonstrated a willingness to help others, especially my parents, his grandparents, as they moved into their senior years. Helping them on their farm and as they moved closer to his parents, he was there to help with gardening and other chores when he could. He loved teaching and being engaged with his students and assisting physically and or mentally challenged people as well.

We were all very proud of Jason when he graduated college as many of his aunts, uncles, parents, and so many other family members had not achieved that level of education. Even more proud when he decided to enlist and serve his country as his father did and his grandfather. He did that honorably and with pride.

I have no idea the factors involved that lead to this current situation as I have not been very engaged with Jason for the past few years, but I know this is way outside the young man I have known for so many years and clearly outside the acts and or thoughts of any of his family members. I hope and pray for the best and know he can a contributor to our society when given the opportunity to do so.

Regards,

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